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Letter dated 10 July 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement released by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on 7 July 2017 with regard to the DPRK's successful test-fire of intercontinental ballistic rocket Hwasong-14 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

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Statement by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 7 July 2017 with regard to the fact that the United States is pulling up the Democratic People's Republic of Korea over the successful test-fire of intercontinental ballistic rocket Hwasong-14

On 4 July 2017, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) successfully carried out the test-fire of intercontinental ballistic rocket Hwasong-14, which stands for the final gate to completing the State nuclear force.

The success of the test-fire of Hwasong-14 in just one go is a brilliant victory achieved by the army and people of the DPRK in their more than half-a-century-long anti-imperialist, anti-US showdown and a heroic deed that provided a reliable guarantee of the peace and stability of the Korean Peninsula and the region.

However, the US is condemning the DPRK's test-fire as a "global threat" and is scheming to increase the international sanctions and pressure on the country to the top notch.

The DPRK makes it clear, once again, that its development of an intercontinental ballistic rocket is an option taken to defend itself by completely terminating the hostile policy and nuclear war threat of the US that have lasted for decades over the century.

There are several nuclear-weapon States in the world today, but the US is the one and only country that makes it its daily business to impose a constant nuclear threat upon the DPRK.

The issue of the DPRK's nukes and ballistic rocket is an issue confined to the DPRK and the US, and the test-fire of the intercontinental ballistic rocket conducted by the DPRK this time is a "gift package" addressed to none other than the US.

No other intercontinental-ballistic-missile States have been more transparent than the DPRK in the development and test-fire of an intercontinental ballistic rocket.

The DPRK officially announced that it would commence the development of an intercontinental ballistic rocket as it was the inevitable choice for the country to cope with the ever-increasing nuclear threat from the US, and it opened to the public the entire process of the combustion and static firing tests of the engine and the actual test-fire of the rocket, even sensitive information, such as tactical and technical data and specifications.

That is because the DPRK's intercontinental ballistic rocket is an unquestionable nuclear war deterrent that is fundamentally different from the military equipment for aggressive war developed in strict confidence by the US with the wild ambition to dominate the world by means of surprise attacks on other nations.

Nevertheless, the US is branding the DPRK's legitimate and righteous measure for self-defence as a "global threat" and calling for "global action" against it. This is an explicit illustration of Trump's "America First Policy" that seeks its own interests by sacrificing others.

The mentality of the mugger that tries to engage the entire world in opposing a sovereign State for the reason that the State has incurred its displeasure will never find acceptance among any sensible people and independent countries.

The complete success of the test-fire of intercontinental ballistic rocket Hwasong-14 significantly enhanced the efficiency of the DPRK's nuclear force as a war deterrent, thereby more reliably ensuring peace and security in and around the Korean Peninsula.

Now that the DPRK's capability to strike the very heart of the US at any given time has been physically proved, the US will find it more difficult to dare to attack the DPRK.

Herein lies the global historic significance of the measures taken by the DPRK that have strengthened the powerful nuclear war deterrence in every dimension in pursuance of the new line of simultaneously developing the two fronts in the face of persistent pressure and sanctions by the hostile forces.

This is the only way to defend oneself and safeguard the dignity of the nation in the present hostile world where the law of the jungle prevails.

It is high time that the US completely reoriented its strategic viewpoint on the DPRK, and it should give up its hostile policy against the latter and put a definite end to its nuclear threat and blackmail without further delay.

As has been declared by respected Supreme Leader Comrade Kim Jong Un, the DPRK will neither put its nukes and ballistic missiles on the negotiating table in any case nor flinch even an inch from the road of bolstering its nuclear force unless the hostile policy and nuclear threat of the US against the DPRK are thoroughly eradicated.

The US will receive more "gift packages" of different sizes from the DPRK in endless succession, as it tries harder to destroy, by means of sanctions and pressure, the overall national power and strategic position of the DPRK, which have been drastically boosted.